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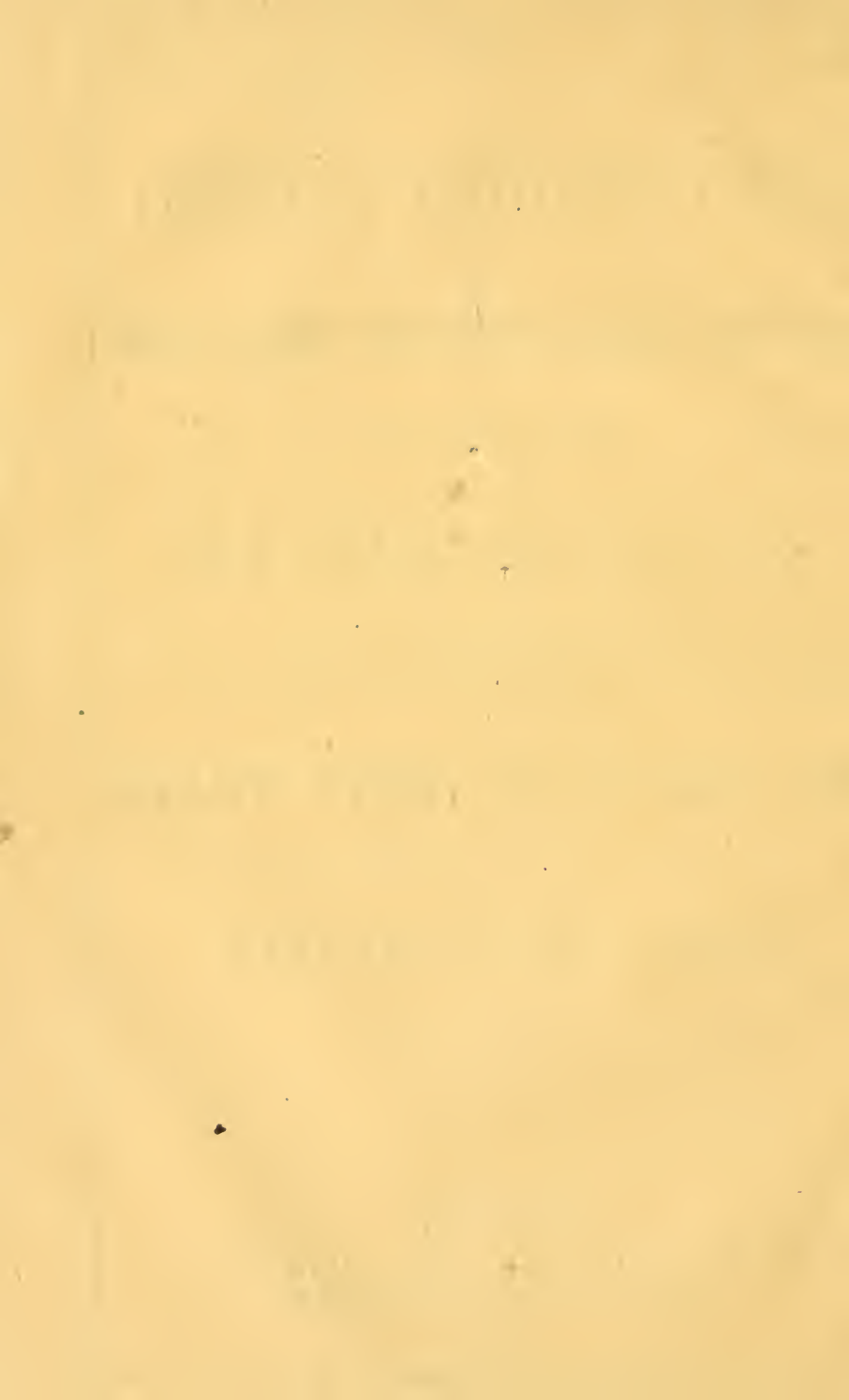
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## ADVERTISEMENT.

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Some years ago there appeared a book, purporting to be an account of the wealthy men of Boston. It was easy to be seen, that ~~the~~ person who prepared it, knew very little of the subject about which he was writing. The author of the *present* work was then induced to put down on paper—partly for his own amusement, and partly for the information of his young friends—his own recollections of the “Business and Business Men of Boston.” These memoranda are now published, as it is believed there is nothing in them that need not be known, and much that will gratify a rational curiosity. He will only say for himself, that for upwards of forty years he has been a Boston merchant, and that he claims to know something of the business and society of Boston; and what is here written, may be considered a portion of his experience and recollections.



## ARISTOCRACY OF BOSTON :

WHO THEY ARE, AND WHAT THEY WERE.

ADAMS, BENJAMIN. Long a shrewd, polite dry goods dealer, in Kilby-street, of the firm of B. & C. Adams, and later of the firm of Adams, Homer & Co.

ALGER, CYRUS, from Bridgewater ; Iron Founder, South Boston, who has pushed his way, by sagacity and good conduct, to eminence and wealth. The geologist of this name, his son, has contributed many valuable papers upon that science in Silliman's Journal. He was sent by his father to explore Nova Scotia, in the vicinity of the coal mines, many years ago. He has been much employed by government, and was selected by Col. Bomford to cast some immense pieces of ordnance.

ALLEN, ANDREW J. Many years a lively, busy, and prosperous stationer, &c., in State-st., near the Massachusetts Bank, and now as busy about railroads. He was one of their first advocates in Boston:

AMORY, CHARLES & WILLIAM. Sons of the late Col. Thomas C. Amory. Charles married a daughter of the late Gardiner Green ; William a daughter of David Sears. The commission house of " Thomas C. Amory & Co.," was among the first in Boston. The late " good " Jonathan Amory was the other partner. On the dissolution of that firm, by the death of Thomas C., Jonathan retired to a snug business alone. The oldest son of Thomas C., formed the house of Adams & Amory. Joseph H Adams from Newburyport, did a large business, but failed, involving Daniel Appleton, now a large and prosperous bookseller and publisher, in New-York. *This* Thomas C. Amory has distinguished himself in organizing the present Fire Department, and is president of an insurance company.

AMORY, JONATHAN, Jr. A son of " good " Jonathan, succeeded to the commission business in dry goods of Brown, Brothers & Co., in New-York, in the unfortunate house of Amory, Leeds & Co., who were prostrated by the storms of 1836 and 1837.

AMORY, JAMES, a cousin of Charles and William, and son of " good " Jonathan, married another daughter of the late Gardiner Green.

ANDREWS, EBEN. T. Formerly the partner of Isaiah Thomas, under the firm of Thomas & Andrews, booksellers and publishers. Mr. Thomas retired to Worcester, and was the principal founder of the Antiquarian Society.

APPLETON, SAMUEL & NATHAN. Brothers, and formerly partners, and importers of British dry goods, in South Row, till Broad-street was made. Samuel lived in Manchester many years, as the buyer for the firm, when Timothy Wiggin did also, who bought for Benjamin & Timothy Wiggin in Boston, and afterwards succeeded to the business of Timothy Williams, in

London. On Samuel Appleton's return to Boston, "wanting a good house-keeper," he married Mrs. Gore, widow of John Gore, a former hardware importer, and nephew of Gov. Christopher Gore. Mrs. G. kept a select boarding-house in High-street. He invested largely in the Lowell and other manufacturing establishments. He has a clear head, large heart, but not free utterance.

Nathan managed the business in Boston. Like other importing houses, forty-five years ago, they often shipped pot and pearl ashes to Liverpool. Then the packet ships went but twice a year, for spring and fall goods. One of these ships, commanded by little Andrew Scott, who afterwards commanded the Governor Strong, owned by LeRoy, Bayard & McEvers, of New-York, made the passages of two successive voyages to Liverpool and back, in 33 and 34 days: that is, four passages in 67 days,—little less than steam!

Nathan took an active part with Francis C. Lowell, Patrick T. Jackson, Paul Moody and others, in establishing the cotton manufactory at Waltham, and was one of the associates in the first purchase at Lowell. He has been a member of Congress, but declined re-election, and many years a Director of the Boston Bank. His tastes are retiring and literary.

It should be mentioned, to the credit of Samuel Appleton, that he commenced life with a single fourpence halfpenny, paid to him by a drover who passed his father's house, for his assistance in driving. He afterwards went to Maine, and worked as a common laborer. He is without children—Nathan has several. One of his daughters married a son of Sir James McIntosh, and another the poet Longfellow. A nephew is married to the only daughter of Daniel Webster.

APPLETON, WILLIAM, is a nephew or cousin of S. & N. He first appeared in Boston as a clerk and buyer of goods for a country store in New-Hampshire. He was afterwards an importer of British dry goods, with J. W. Paige. His investments in manufactories have been very successful, as well as his operations in the Canton trade. In spite of feeble health as a dyspeptic, he has shown great energy and perseverance. His perceptions are very quick, and his judgment sound and upright. He has been zealous for the prosperity of the Episcopal Church, and was one of the founders of St. Paul's, and has recently made an ample donation to advance the education of clergymen in the Church. He married a daughter of "good" Jonathan Amory.

APTHORP, JOHN T. For many years President of the Suffolk Insurance Office and the Boston Bank. Married a daughter of the late William Foster. He is of courteous manners—and, like many other gentlemen, derived his title of *Colonel* from having commanded the Cadets. It has been generally supposed that he held the two offices as President through family influence and warm personal friendship, and not his own wealth. He has saved and inherited money. Harrison Gray Otis and he married sisters.

ARMSTRONG, SAMUEL T. Bred a printer with Samuel Etheridge, of Charlestown. Married a daughter of Col. Timothy Walker, a wealthy packer of beef in that town. He kept a book-store in Cornhill, and printed for the Andover Theological Institution. He has been Mayor of Boston, and Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Etheridge was afterwards of the firm of Hastings, Etheridge & Bliss—Jonathan Hastings, the old postmaster, and Elam Bliss, now of New-York.

ATKINS, BENJAMIN, of the firm of Hay & Atkins, for many years industrious, saving, and thriving crockery-dealers in South Row, next the Old South. Joseph Hay, the pattern of a polite shop-keeper.

AUSTIN, SAMUEL, JUN. Son of an old Clerk in the State-House—who was brother of a good old ship-bread baker at the North-End. Formerly

partner with Capt. Joseph W. Lewis, brother of Winslow Lewis, the lighthouse man. They were the agents of the first line of Boston and Liverpool packets—the *Topaz*, *Amethyst*, and *Emerald*—established with great difficulty, by a joint stock company, in 1818—19, and soon given up. The ships could not be then filled from Boston.

**AUSTIN, JAMES T.** Son-in-law (and author of the life of) Elbridge Gerry, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence; afterwards Governor of Massachusetts, and Vice-President of the United States.

Mr. Austin has been City-Attorney and Attorney-General of Massachusetts. He was long an ardent politician and orator of the Republican Party. He is a nephew of the famous old "Ben Austin," who used to edit the Chronicle, one of the great guns of Democracy in the times of Jefferson and Adams.

**BALDWIN, AARON.** President of the Washington Bank. Married a sister of Philip Marrett, President of the New-England Bank.

Mr. B. was long a safe and successful commission merchant on India Wharf, and dealt very extensively in molasses. He is a native of Milton.

**BALLARD, JOHN.** For many years kept a carpet-store at the corner of School and Marlborough-streets. His father kept a livery-stable. A sister married Thomas Carter, an Englishman—formerly Jackson & Carter, owners of the ship Warrington, in the Liverpool trade, and large importers of hats.

**BANCROFT, GEORGE.** Son of the Rev. Dr. Aaron Bancroft, of Worcester, a Unitarian. Having finished his studies at Cambridge, he went to Gottingen to pursue them further. On his return, he preached, and was a Unitarian; then, associated with Mr. John G. Cogswell, established a school at Round Hill, near Northampton, Mass., intended to embrace a wide course of instruction, including gymnastics. He did not succeed. He has since been Professor at Cambridge, and distinguished as an author, chiefly on American history, and as a Democratic politician; a Collector of Boston, Secretary of the Navy, and now Minister to Great Britain. He married first into the wealthy Dwight family of Springfield, and since to the widow Bliss, also with a fortune.

Mr. Cogswell is now employed by John Jacob Astor, to collect and arrange his great library.

**BANGS, BENJAMIN.** Formerly an importer of dry goods in Court-street, where he succeeded Andrew Homer; then of Bangs & Bradford, in Broad-street; then in navigation, (sometimes with the late Seth Knowles, who married a daughter of Matthew Bridge, of Charlestown,) principally to South America.

**BARTLETT, JAMES.** Began as a hired truckman to Samuel Harrison, brother of James Harrison, first of Harrison & Hall, then Harrison & Wilby. He had no means, but succeeded to Harrison's business by the aid of the latter firm. He united dealing in coals with his trucking, and then invested in a wharf at the North End, in Lynn-street.

**BARTLETT, SLONEY.** A lawyer from the Old Colony. Formerly partner with Lemuel Shaw, now Chief Justice—and a leading practitioner.

**BARTLETT, THOMAS.** A retired druggist of long high standing in Cornhill, near State street, at the sign of the "Good Samaritan." One of the few in whom physicians and the public had great confidence—and a gentleman.

**BASSETT, FRANCIS.** Studied law with Timothy Bigelow. Has been Member of the State Legislature and Clerk of the U. S. District and Circuit Courts. He is a bachelor.

**BATES, JOHN D.** Son of a ship-master and merchant, late of Concord. Related to Joshua Bates, of Barings' house, London, [see WM. GRAY.] Du-



ring his minority, he served several years with a heavy mercantile house in Europe.

**BELKNAP, JOHN.** Son of the late Dr. Belknap, minister of Federal-st. Church, before Dr. Channing, and historian of New Hampshire. Professor McKean, who succeeded John Quincy Adams at Cambridge, preached there also, immediately before Dr. Channing, in the old church, before the present was built. Mr. Belknap was always one of Boston's retiring, prudent, "snug," and honorable men, principally in the Calcutta trade, not largely at once. Unfortunately his eye-sight has been impaired. He derived benefit from the scientific skill of Dr. Elliot, the celebrated oculist of New-York. His brother Jeremiah was partner of a house in Marseilles, and embarked in a granite quarry at Quincy, that furnished the stone for the present New-York Exchange, under the direction of that deserving architect, Solomon Willard, who was also the architect of the Bunker Hill Monument.

**BELL, JOSEPH.** From Haverhill, N. H., where he acquired his fortune. He and Rufus Choate married sisters of the family of Olcott, of Hanover. He has been a member of the Legislature.

**BIGELOW, JACOB.** A respectable physician, and son of a clergyman in Sudbury,—once Rumford Professor in Harvard,—now Professor of Materia Medica in the Medical College. When Dr. James Jackson retired from active practice, he recommended Dr. Bigelow to many families. He has published on botany. Under a demure, almost bashful exterior, he possesses great shrewdness and dry humor—it was "human nature," for him to parody "the ode to the passions."

**BINNEY, AMOS.** Son of the late Col. Amos Binney, one of the few natives of Hull, forty years ago, kept a small retail grocery in Salem or Hull-st., and then at the lower end of Long Wharf. He was a man of enterprise, great sagacity, and a decided democrat, and leading man with the Methodists. He was appointed Navy Agent, during the war of 1812, when the government was straitened for means, treasury notes at twenty-five per cent. discount. He exerted himself with energy and success, to fit out the U. S. ships of war. He was one of the founders of the New England Glass Company, at Lech-nure Point, from his intimacy with Daniel and Joseph S. Hastings, and Denning Jarvis, and influenced E. & A. Winchester to build there extensive provision and soap and candle works near the glass works. Cragie's Bridge followed their improvements. Andrew Cragie was a large holder of Yazoo scrip, but derived little benefit from the government appropriation for its partial payment. He was *forced* to meet payments at the Boston Bank, his endorsers buying the scrip as sold at auction, for one-third its ultimate value.

**BINNEY, JOHN,** kept a ship chandlery and grocery on Long Wharf.

The present Mr. Binney married John's daughter. May his taste for natural science be devoted with his father's zeal for the benefit of his country, and his wealth used with his father's judicious benevolence!

**BLAKE, SARAH.** Widow of Edward Blake, till the war of 1812 a large importer of British dry goods, in State-st.—then in the commission business with Isaac McLellan, as Blake and McLellan—on Mr. Blake's death, McLellan & Chadwick, (see Ebenezer Chadwick.) Mrs. Blake is one of the two daughters of Samuel Parkman, by his first wife. Edward Tuckerman married the other.

**BLAKE, MRS.** Widow of Joshua, brother of George, the late U. S. District Attorney. Joshua was a captain in David Hinckley's employ, in the Mediterranean, and made money in it. After quitting the sea, he continued in the Sicily, and embarked in the Calcutta trade. Francis Stanton, one of the "Algerines," (see George Hallet,) his brother-in-law, who died a bachelor, and whose wealth fell mostly to Mrs. Blake, was often concerned with him.

BLAKE, GEORGE, was appointed U. S. District Attorney by President Jefferson, and held that office till removed by Gen. Jackson. He was an ardent republican in *Pancuil Hall*, but not a ready speaker. After the choice of Mr. Adams, his republicanism grew cold: in fact, he was constitutionally afflicted with chills. In a barber's shop he doffed more clothes than was ever done by any actor in playing the grave-digger in Hamlet. He was a patron of the theatre, and a crony of Cooke, &c.

BLAKE, FRANCIS, another brother, a lawyer in Worcester, died young, in public life, a federalist, who gave promise of much higher talent than George possessed.

BOIES, JEREMIAH SMITH. First a paper, and then a cotton manufacturer, above Milton Bridge,—a venerable and respected gentleman of the old school, and a thorough business man, aged nearly ninety.

John Bussey, his near neighbor, and father of Captain Bussey, in the Liverpool, and brother of the wealthy Benjamin of Boston, deserves equally to be remembered.

BORDMAN, WM. H., the late, was of the firm of Bordman & Pope, on India Wharf, [see POPE, PASCAL P.,] engaged in the North West, and Canton trade,—a very large private underwriter. His accomplished and celebrated daughter married H. G. Otis, Jr.

BORDMAN, WILLIAM, had, I think, but one child, who married Wm. Lawrence.

BORDMAN, LYDIA. Widow of William Bordman, who lived in Hanover-st., in the house standing back to back with the Codman estate, afterwards Earl's Coffee House. He removed thence into Hancock-st.

He was originally a hatter, and was commonly called "Black Bill Bordman," from having been engaged, as was said, in the trade in blacks.

BORLAND, JOHN, began life as one of the firm of Oliver, Borland & Abbot, auctioneers, in Kilby-street, and then on Central Wharf, including general commissions—inherited a fortune from his uncle, James Lloyd; chosen senator from Massachusetts, after John Quincy Adams resigned. Among other English agencies, Mr. Lloyd had that of S. Smith Clapham & Eastburn, of Leeds. Mr. James Eastburn was afterwards of the firm of Eastburn, Kirk & Co., extensive publishers in New-York. He was well read, especially in Theology, and a liberal Methodist.

Bishop Eastburn is his son. Another son died soon after graduating; he had given promise of great talent.

BOURNE, EZRA A., from Sandwich, Cape Cod, was first in the crockery trade with William Wood—afterwards W. & T. N. Wood. Mr. Bourne was attacked with bleeding at the lungs, and travelled south—rode much on horseback in the upper part of Georgia, and recovered his health. He then kept a crockery store No. 1 South Row. He lived with his mother, in a small house, near Dr. Lowells' church, of which he was a member, in Staniford-street, and inherited a small property. On the death of William Ward, he was chosen president of the State Bank. Late in life, he married the widow of Charles Thorndike. He was always quick, careful in every thing, and highly honorable.

BOWDITCH, NATHANIEL L. Son of the late Dr. Nath. Bowditch, the celebrated mathematician,—translator of La Place's great work, "*La Mécanique Céleste*,"—more extensively and practically useful, as the corrector of the tables in Blunt's Navigator. He had been many years president of an insurance office in Salem, and reluctantly removed to Boston, to become president of the Life Insurance Company, at a salary of \$5000 per annum. Eben. Francis was said to have had great influence in promoting this wise step, proper



tables for estimating the value of human life being yet hardly formed. and the whole subject of annuities imperfectly understood.

Nr. N. L. Bowditch married a daughter of Eben. Francis, and is well versed in real estate practice.

BRADFORD, CHARLES F., of the firm of Charles Homer & Co., formerly Homes & Homer, largely in hardware, for many years in Union-street,—first Henry Homes,—Homer first clerk, then partner. Mr. Homes was an orthodox congregationalist, of most extensive christian benevolence. His charities and kindness always ready, and liberally in amount for every good object.

Mr. Homer was greatly respected.

BRADLEE, JOSIAH. Son of a Boston tinman. His valuable commission business has been principally from the heavy Salem India houses, and from Nantucket and New Bedford, in oil and sperm candles. His second wife was Miss Frothingham, sister of the Rev. Nath'l. Frothingham, and daughter of Eben. Frothingham, who kept a small crockery store in Marshall's Lane, tended mainly by his brother-in-law, old Mr. Langdon, "neat as a pink;"—in the errands, the future clergyman, the present Dr. F., used to assist. Mr. F. was very proud of his boy, who distinguished himself in the public schools, and by the aid of Theophilus Parsons, Samuel Dexter, and others, he was sent to Cambridge.

Zerah Colburn appeared in Boston about that time, and the same gentleman made great offers to his father, to give him up to be educated, but in vain; he was bent upon taking him to England for a show.

Mrs. Bradlee (Miss Frothingham) was secretary or Treasurer for the Howard Asylum for Indigent Boys, in 1804 or 1805.

Joseph P. Bradlee, Josiah's brother, united the oil and tin business in Butler's Row.

BRADLEE, JAMES BOWDOIN, son of Josiah, married a daughter of rich Perrin May, an old south-ender, and crony of Joshua Davis, Josiah Knapp, and others. Mrs. Glass would have immortalized their fish, dipped in Indian meal, fried, or rather boiled, in salt pork fat, "browned, and done to a wabble."—But it was at supper! O, whist, whist!

BRADLEE, JOHN W. Surviving partner of Thomas D. & J. W. Bradlee, long in the wholesale liquor business at the corner of Flag-alley, in the "Bite."

Thomas D., in addition to this business, bought many notes—and kept his money rolling very carefully and snugly until his only daughter was married to Col. Wm. P. Winchester—which marriage he liked so well, that he gave them his money very freely, and left them more than half a million. [See WINCHESTER.]

BRADLEE, SAMUEL. Long a snug, quiet, hard-ware man, in South-row, (in the street, or next it, where Gen. John Winslow formerly kept,) iron castings, &c.

Gen. Winslow failed on Christmas Day, 1810, when the old U. S. Bank began to pull in hard, in consequence of endorsements for Barker & Bridge, auctioneers in Kilby-street, corner of Doane, where B. & C. Adams and Elisha Parks afterwards kept—T. K. Jones & Co. being on the opposite corner of Doane-street.

Barker & Bridge were once partners with Robert G. Shaw, as Shaw, Barber & Bridge, in State-street, nearly opposite Kilby-street.

Gen. John Peabody made a great crash at Newburyport, at the same time.

BREWER, THOMAS. Formerly of Stone & Brewer, crockery-ware merchants, in Salem. His wife is sister to Stone, and of charming address. They dissolved—Brewer continuing the business. Stone went into the distilling

business—and became celebrated by his controversy with, and successful prosecution of, the Rev. Mr. (now Dr.) Cheever, of New York. Brewer did not succeed; and was hired to remove to Boston, by Harrison & Wilby, to keep their retail shop at the corner of Franklin & Washington (then Marlboro) street, where John McFarlane had kept, and since Collamore & Churchill. He then opened a cheap dry-goods' shop in Washington-street, near Boylston-market; then a distiller; speculated, lost much, and regained by the aid of his son.

**BREWER, GARDINER.** Son of Thomas, and brother of Dr. Thos. M., one of the editors and proprietors of the Boston "Atlas." Has been a distiller with his father; but now of Sayles, Merriam & Brewer, wholesale domestic goods.

**BRIMMER, MARTIN.** (Late Mayor.) Nephew of the late good old Andrew, who lived hospitably at Atkinson-street, entertaining many of his old English connexions. He left an ample fortune to Martin.

**BROOKS, PETER C.** The richest man in New England. A native of North Yarmouth, Me. Related to the late Gov. Brooks—the Colonel Brooks of the Revolution.

Mr. B. married a daughter of Nathaniel Gorham, of Charlestown, brother of Stephen Gorham, associated with Phelps in Genesee and Holland Land purchases in the State of New York.

He kept a private insurance office in the same building with the "Bunch of Grapes," at the corner of State and Kilby-streets, where the New England Bank is. Crowell Hatch, of Jamaica Plains—of imputed "Black-Bird" memory, (the slang term of the day for slave-trading—Barnabas Hedge, of Plymouth—Benjamin P. Homer and Adam Babcock, who lived near or on part of the site of the present Tremont House.

Mr. Brooks was watchful of the value of outstanding risks, claims, and accounts. Heavy balances were often left in his hands. He purchased *accounts*—that is, all the outstanding interests of parties who might wish to close up—or where deaths would make it important to settle estates. Tuthill Hubbard's books were said to have given him a large sum.

His savings were always very carefully invested. Security before large profit. He would take mortgages when few capitalists would touch them, on account of the long term of the equity of redemption—then three years.

He was afterwards President of the New England Insurance Office, at the corner of Exchange and State-streets—the New England Bank then below. This was always a quiet, business office—very unlike the gossiping Fire and Marine. Ozias Goodwin and John Holland—two old, worthy, retired ship-masters and intimate friends—leading Directors.

His town house is at the corner of Atkinson and Purchase-streets, near Russia Wharf; his country seat, in Medford, where, in summer, he was a regular attendant and admirer of the late Dr. Osgood.

Mr. Brooks has four sons and three daughters. One of his daughters married Edward Everett: another, Chas. F. Adams, son of John Quincy Adams; and the third, Rev. Dr. Frothingham. One of his sons is a merchant in New York, and is very wealthy.

**BRYANT, JOHN**—Of Bryant & Sturges—who began business nearly forty years ago, after they had been to China and the North-West Coast, as supercargoes for Theodore Lyman and J. & T. H. Perkins. Mr. Bryant has always been the desk man. They opened their first Canton goods in Codman's store, Lindell's lane.

**BUMSTEAD, JOHN**—Of Trott & Bumstead—formerly importers of British dry goods, in Cornhill; near Dr. Bartlett, then in State-street, near Boot & Pratt. Since in manufactures. Mr. Bumstead inherited a good property from

his father, Deacon Josiah Bumstead. His mother was sister of the late Governor Gore.

**BURROUGHS, GEORGE.** Many years Cashier of the Union Bank—when Oliver Wendell, Samuel Brown, and Thomas L. Winthrop were Presidents thereof.

**BRAY, MRS.**—Widow of Mr. Bray, an Englishman, formerly of the firm of Bray & Boit, India Wharf. She is a daughter of the late Samuel Eliot, and inherited her property from him.

**CABOT, HENRY.** Only son of the late George Cabot. President of the Branch of the first U. S. Bank in Boston, until its charter expired; of the Boston Insurance Office; and of the Hartford Convention. Once U. S. Senator from Massachusetts. Aaron Burr then said of him, that "he never spoke, but light followed him."

Such a man could not be without great influence in trade and politics. His opinions were often required and deferred to on marine insurance and mercantile questions of importance. The State Courts were tied up by rules of law, and arbitrations were much resorted to for want of equity jurisdiction. His unquestioned integrity and independence gave confidence in the decisions of his clear and sound mind. He began life as a sailor, (like a true descendant of the Cabots, the first discoverers of the continent of North America,) from Beverly.

A beautiful and discriminating sketch of his character was given in a sermon preached on his death by President Kirkland, at the church in Summer-street, where he had worshipped. A few copies only were printed, and given among his friends.

President Kirkland married a daughter, who accompanied him in his voyage up the Mediterranean and in his travels in Egypt, &c.

Henry studied law, and opened an office in Pemberton Hill, near Charles Jackson's and Eben. Gay's, with great advantage and influence—he, among others, as attorney to the Branch Bank. He had the reputation of great natural talent. But, lighter pursuits were more to his taste. He became a *walking* broker in State-street, in large operations. His principal resort, the Suffolk Office.

He inherited his father's wealth—not large—and he added to it by investments in manufactures.

The sight of one eye was injured, some years ago, by the bursting of a gun, while shooting woodcock—to which sport he and John W. Boott were devoted.

**CABOT, SAMUEL.** Son of the late Andrew, brother of George above. Married a daughter of Thomas H. Perkins, and was admitted a partner of that firm. Mrs. Follen, the authoress, (widow of the late celebrated Dr. Follen,) is a sister of Samuel.

**CAINS, THOMAS.** Began the glass-making business, in a small way, at South Boston. He was indefatigable in introducing his goods, by carrying round samples himself among the dealers.

**CARTWRIGHT, CHARLES H.** President of the Marine Insurance Co. Formerly of Cartwright & Mitchell, commission business, principally from Nantucket.

**CARY, GEORGE B.**—Of Josiah Bradlee & Co., after having been a clerk with Mr. Bradlee. Son of Mr. Cary, Chelsea, a retired merchant of former eminence. He lived in a brick house about two miles from Chelsea bridge—a solitary house, without tree or neighbor—on the north side of Salem turnpike.

**CARY, THOMAS G.** The brother of George. Studied law with Deacon (afterwards Judge) Peter Oxenbridge Thacher, son of Dr. Thacher, of Brattle-street Church. While at the bar, the Deacon was a frequent—not popular—



spouter at Faneuil Hall, about on the same level with Alexander Townsend and other Federal aspirants.

Mr. Cary married a daughter of Thomas H. Perkins, and "*got out stone*" at a quarry in Quincy--influenced, probably, by the money of Col. Perkins. The quarry was bought, and a rail-road from it to the landing built. The stone for Bunker-Hill Monument was given by Col. Perkins from this quarry.

Mr. Cary was long a *long* cadet, and a great marcher—as proved by his daily walks from and to Chelsea.

**CHADWICK, EBENEZER**—From Portland. First of the firm of Robert Elwell & Co., who did a large eastern business, when the McLellans, of Portland, and Abiel Wood, of Wiscasset, flourished. Elwell & Co. suffered heavily by returned bills in embargo times. Was then of McLellan & Chadwick. Isaac McLellan, from Bath—late Blake & McLellan—[See **BLAKE, SARAH**,] married a daughter of John Coffin Jones, by whom he had property. Became agent for the Merrimack Co., for the purchase and transmission of cotton. Has invested in manufacturing stock.

**CHAPMAN, HENRY**, A retired ship-chandler. Late Chapman & Wainwright.

Chapman married a Green, and is father-in-law of Maria Chapman, the abolitionist.

Mr. Wainwright is a son of Henry Wainwright, (of Wainwright & Jackson, crockery-ware merchants, in Exchange-street;) an excellent Englishman; many years Treasurer of the British Charitable Society; and unfortunately drowned while bathing in Charles River, Cambridge.

Samuel Stillman Gay (many years an intelligent supercargo out of Boston—late the managing partner of the house of Baring, Brothers & Co., of Liverpool,) married a daughter of this Henry.

Rev. Dr. Wainwright, of New York, is a nephew.

The family is of Lancashire origin, and related to that of the celebrated organist and musician, Dr. Wainwright, whose contest on the organ at Halifax, with the great astronomer Herschell, when a youth, is well known.

**CLARK, BENJAMIN C.** Commission merchant, Commercial Wharf. A worthy son of a most industrious father—John Clark—long a tinman in Marshall's-lane.

**CODMAN, JOHN, REV., D. D.** Son of John—formerly of John & Stephen Codman, once extensive merchants in Codman's Wharf (since swallowed or filled up by the new market,) and Market-street.

Dr. Codman inherited his property from his father, who lived in Paris at the period of some of the great changes in France. Wm. Vans, then in Paris also, had large dealings with him, and tried afterwards, without effect, to establish claims against his estate in Boston. They were barred by the statute.

The doctor has been zealously Calvinistic; and his settlement in Dorchester—making division in the old parish of Dr. Harris—caused fierce and disgraceful disputes.

The doctor's house and grounds are fine, and his living generous and hospitable. Sir Walter Scott would have taken him for an abbot, rather than a descendant of one of Cromwell's puritans.

The estate in Hanover-street, once Earl's Coffee-House, was John Codman's dwelling-house.

Dr. Codman has recently deceased.

**CODMAN, CHARLES RUSSELL**, Brother of John. Has done little business. Formerly, now and then an underwriter. Inherited a good real estate from his father, much of it in Kilby-street and Lindell's-lane, and affects the "*haut ton*."

Another brother, who had a surpassing bass voice, and sang in the Handel and Haydn Society, died many years ago.

CODMAN, HENRY. Son of Stephen, above named. Studied law. His steady, cool, faithful, and judicious qualities, brought upon him many offices of trust. He is, and has long been, the patron friend of Lucius Manlius Sargent: they "*chum*" together.

He married the only daughter of the late John Amory—whose commodious, old-fashioned town house, was on Washington-street, the garden running to the rear of St. Paul's Church. One of the last remnants of the sickle pear was in it. His country house, as old-fashioned and comfortable, was in Roxbury.

"Amory Hall" was named after Mr. John Amory.

Stephen Codman was, for many years, conspicuous as a politician. To preside at the meetings in Faneuil Hall, "Stephen Codman!" was always Ben. Russell's first shout—and it never failed. If Mr. Codman were not there, "Col. Messenger?" was Ben's second call. Then for the tug of eloquence—Thacher—Savage—Townsend—Harry Otis, and "the music of the axe and the hammer," the loss of which was sadly deplored during the embargo—William Sullivan, with his pleasing and persuasive tones—Christopher Gore, too pompous and formal for effect—and Samuel Dexter and John Lowell, rarely, but with wondrous and convincing power.

When Dexter opposed and declared off from some proposed measure of the Federal Party, during the war of 1812, the whole crammed Hall were aghast! When Otis replied, the charm of his eloquence was broken; he had little power, and his audience no sympathy.

Samuel Dexter ceased to be a party man. He became not only "*almost*," but "*altogether*" an American; he had no bonds to "*except*."

Josiah Quincy spoke often, when at home, but without effect. He foamed and frothed.

Ben. Russell was of that class. Like old Gov. Y. Wright, (of Maryland,) in Congress, who said he was made up of "gin cocktail, whiskey, and Democracy," Ben's face got as red as a turkey-cock's throattles; he got too full for utterance.

Benj. Pollard, (afterwards street inspector,) was a favorite.

Judge Dawes was always heard with welcome. "Little Tommy's lisp," dry humor, jokes, and Æsop-like tales, always put to the purpose, produced many a roar and loud hurrah. Moffet spoiled him.

But, after all, Otis was the master popular speaker, and could not fail to charm the most fastidious.

At times there were speakers on the "*Republican*" side, but not at strictly party caucuses. It is a New York (not a Boston) fashion, for one party to break up the party-meeting of another.

After Charles Jervis' death, the Republican Party had little speaking talent. Old Benj. Austin, George Blake, James F. Austin, Eben. Clough, and "*Old Adams*," the wire-sieve mender, were nearly all.

If ever an object of contempt deserved pity, James T. Austin did, in Webster's first reply to him, in old Faneuil. He was torn limb from limb, and hung up piecemeal—dangling—the scorn of all.

On one occasion, 1810 or 1811—the era of good feelings—the two parties dined together on the 4th of July. Twelve hundred in that noble hall!

Benj. Austin was the principal writer in the "*Independent Chronicle*," and lived in an old-fashioned frame house at the corner of Hancock and Cambridge-streets.

When Cook first played *Iago* at the Federal-street Theatre, he denounced the play—*Othello's* black love being likely to corrupt American daughters!



**COOKE, JOSIAH P.** A lawyer, from Keene, N. H., who has been, for a long time, faithful and diligent; and, what rarely happens in his profession, as the world says, "of few words, and modest."

**COOLIDGE, JOSEPH.** In the China trade. Grandson of Joseph Coolidge, first a goldsmith, then in partnership with Samuel Parkman. Lived in the house west corner of Bowdoin and Cambridge-streets. Joseph, his son, lived on the entrance from Court-street to that oddly named West Boston Square, next to Fulham's stable and dwelling-house. The house was once kept as a boarding-house by Mr. Bond, once a broker in Flag-alley, just out of State-street,—George Bond's father, (late of Whitwell, Bond & Co., the old Carnes' house.)

**CORDIS, THOMAS.** Formerly of Bellows, Cordis & Jones, importers of British dry goods. When Thomas Cushing failed in the hardware business with Charles Scudder, Cordis slid into it, by providing capital for Scudder.

John Bellows, (of Bellows, Cordis & Jones,) was afterwards President of the Manufacturers' and Mechanics' Bank.

The Rev. H. W. Bellows—a Unitarian minister in New York—is his son.

John Bellows had a brother, of the firm of Bellows & Gates, in Montreal; afterwards Horatio Gates & Co., (or nephew,) who did a heavy American business in ashes, exchange, and specie.

**CROCKETT, GEORGE W.** Formerly of the firm of Crockett, Seaver & Co.—established by Whitney, Cutler & Hammond, in the West India goods business.

Seaver is a brother of Benj. Seaver, of the then firm of Whitwell, Bond & Co., (now Whitwell & Seaver.)

**CROWNINSHIELD, BENJAMIN H.** Was wealthy in Salem before the war of 1812. Was successful in privateering—a leading Democrat—and once Secretary of the Navy.

**CRAFT, EDWARD.** Long in the Russia and Swedish trade, on Hancock's Wharf—near Wm. Parsons, a very different kind of man.

He bought the house in Pearl-street, formerly owned and occupied by Chief Justice Parsons, and afterwards by Mrs. Brown, as a boarding-house—the celebrated Mrs. Brown, who had kept the house over the Fire and Marine Insurance Office. This house was resorted to by Barnabas Hedge, of Plymouth, an extensive merchant, ship-owner, and underwriter, of Plymouth; Dr. Nathaniel Haven, of Portsmouth, and John his brother, (father of the Havens in New York;) Renel Williams, late U. S. Senator from Maine; Isaac Adams, of Portland; besides resident city boarders—among others, Wm. B. Smith and Oliver Putnam, who left nearly one hundred thousand dollars for the public schools in Newburyport. Good whist was played there.

**CUNNINGHAM, ANDREW AND CHARLES.** Brothers—partners. Sons of the late Andrew Cunningham, long Secretary of the Mass. Mutual Insurance Office—then the only office of the kind. A most worthy Bostonian.

**CURTIS, CHARLES P.** A kind and good lawyer. Studied with William Pullman. Son of Thomas Curtis, formerly Loring & Curtis, merchants and underwriters.

**CURTIS, THOMAS B.** Brother of Charles. Of Curtis & Greenough, in the Russia trade. When in the U. S. Navy—a midshipman—he was in the action of the Chesapeake and Shannon.

**CUSHING, JOHN P.** Made his fortune in Canton, in connexion with James and Thomas H. Perkins. On his return, he married the only and worthy daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Gardiner, of Trinity Church.

His house at Watertown is built to combine comfort with elegance—being

double; a house within a house—to be warm and cool. The best houses in New York were examined, for any thing that might improve, in ornament or use, on what was known in Boston. His spacious and elegant grounds are open to the public. He is liberal to those he employs.

When the assessors of Watertown called upon him to know on what sum he should be taxed, he asked what was the whole amount of the tax to be raised. The answer being given, he told them to charge the whole amount to him.

**CUSHING, THOMAS P.** Son of the Rev. John Cushing, of Ashburnham, (formerly of the firm of Tuckerman, Rogers & Cushing, large importers of British dry goods, and lately of the firm of Cushing & Wilkinson.) He is a man of influence in bank, insurance, and rail-road operations, being cautious and sagacious.

**CUTLER, PLINY.** From Brookfield. (Formerly of the firm of Whitney, Cutler & Hammond, the most extensive wholesale grocers in the city, at the corner of Broad and Central-streets.) They were of the "Algerines."

Mr. Cutler is a zealous orthodox Congregationalist, and commendable for many good and charitable deeds and judicious management.

**DANA, SAMUEL.** (Late Dana & Fenno, stock and exchange brokers.) Married the only daughter of the late Edmund Winchester. [See WINCHESTER.]

**DALTON, PETER ROE.** Son of the Cashier of the old U. S. Branch Bank, in the building afterwards bought by the State Bank. Mr. Dalton was of the firm of Richard D. Tucker & Co., a respectable commission house on India-street, for many years.

Mr. Tucker was formerly partner of Rufus Davenport—Davenport & Tucker.

James Dalton, Cashier of the Man. and Mech. Bank, (formerly Atherton & Dalton, importers of British dry goods, is another brother.)

Henry Dalton, Secretary of the Providence Rail-Road, another.

**DAVIS, JAMES.** An industrious and worthy coppersmith in Union-street, who deserves and has earned every dollar he is worth. Go from his old stand a few steps to Hanover-street, you come to the house where FRANKLIN was bred, not born. The tallow-chandler's shop is turned into a bonnet store.

**DAVIS, JOHN.** Late and long Judge of the U. S. District Court. He died lately in a good old age, respected for his character and literature. He was from Plymouth, and editor of "Morton's Memorial."

Mrs. Wm. Minot is one of his daughters.

**DAVIS, SAMUEL.** From Newburyport. Long an importer and retailer of jewelry, military goods, and combs, until they were made in this country. He collected large quantities of horn tips for shipment to England.

**DERBY, RICHARD C.** From Salem. An amateur, known as "Dickey Derby," in the Fine Arts, and very fond of music. Charles Matthews was "at home" at his house.

Mrs. Derby has long been celebrated for her beauty.

**DEXTER, FRANKLIN.** A lawyer. U. S. District Attorney. Only son of the late Samuel Dexter, whom Franklin resembles. He is highly respected as a lawyer, a man, and man of taste. He married a daughter of the late Judge Prescott, the father of the historian, and son of Col. Prescott, who commanded the troops at the battle of Bunker Hill.

**DIXON, THOMAS.** Born in London. Son of a Scotchman. Came first to Boston as partner of the house of Van Baggen, Parker & Dixon, of Amsterdam, to get commission business to that house. He is a Dutch Consul. Has skill in music, and can play many droll tricks. He married the celebrated daughter of the late Benjamin F. Homer.

**DORR, JOHN.** A retired merchant. Formerly in the India and North-West Coast Trade. His brother Joseph—a partner with whom he was concerned—a bachelor, lived abroad, fond of Paris and London.

**DRAPER, DANIEL.** Formerly a victualler; then of Draper & Hudson, in the "Bite," fruit and provision dealers, chiefly pork, and large lemon dealers.

**DWIGHT, EDMUND.** From Springfield. Married a daughter of the late Samuel Eliot; and has made large donations to carry out Horace Mann's plan of normal schools.

Thirty-five years ago, James and Henry Dwight, of Springfield, were probably the most extensive country traders that came to Boston. They had stores in Northampton and other country towns. Their heavy goods went in sloops up the Connecticut River. As the younger branches of the family came forward, they spread. An importing house was established in Boston.

The beloved and lamented William H. Dwight was lost when the *Albion* was wrecked on the coast of Ireland.

The Bank at Geneva, N. Y., was established by them. One of the family was President.

Edmund has not toiled in the drudgery of active business. He is clear-headed, and sagacious in counsel. He always liked the Suffolk corner, to the annoyance, it has been said, of his father-in-law, who had given close, active attention to business.

**ELIOT, SAMUEL A.** Son of the late Samuel Eliot. Studied divinity at Cambridge, but has not been ordained. Ex-mayor, and promoted useful reforms in the Fire Department. Like his late lamented brother, William H., he is fond of music, and is President of the Boston Academy. He married a daughter of the late Theodore Lyman.

William H. was the prime mover in building the Tremont House. He gave a great impulse to musical taste. He had heard Italian music in Italy, and had loved it, especially Rossini's, in its native language. The adaptations of Thompson, with their delightful poetry, had lost the charm of Rossini and Mozart.

Samuel Eliot was a true *Sir Oliver Oldschool*—with cocked hat, breeches, open bosom, and large ruffle; no cloak or over-coat in the coldest weather; and of stately politeness. *Sir Samuel!*—could it have been! The value of wealth is little here. We cannot found a family. We have no law of entail. He little knew how many of his family were *Nature's* noblemen—and would receive more precious honors from their *fellow citizens*, than *his* wealth could confer upon them. Like other sensible men, he loved *old* wine, *old* books, and imported dry goods in the *old* store at the west corner of little *old* Wilton's Lane, at the entrance to *old* Cornhill from *Old* Dock Square; and died, the only American we have ever known who deplored the want of an aristocracy. He lived in Tremont-street, opposite the stone chapel, or King's Chapel, and had a good library.

**FAIRBANKS, STEPHEN.** From Dedham. (Fairbanks, Loring & Co., old hardware dealers, long in Union-street.)

**FALES, SAMUEL.** Began a retailer of dry goods in Washington-street; then wholesale-man in dry goods; and in the African trade with Samuel Sanford, (not slave trade;) now President of the Union Bank.

**FAY, RICHARD S.** Son of the Hon. S. P. P. Fay. Judge of Probate for Middlesex County, in which office he succeeded that corrupt Judge, James Prescott, of Groton, who was tried before the Legislature in 1816—and broken, though defended by Daniel Webster.

Richard S. has the confidence of several large corporations, and is their treasurer.



More than twenty years ago, Judge Fay co-operated with the late Abraham Bigelow—excellent gentleman!—long Clerk of the Courts in Middlesex County—to renovate that beautiful Episcopal Church on Cambridge Common, (opposite the Colleges,) after it had long been without worship, and in a state of utter delapidation. To their honor be it remembered, all the officers of the College, though Unitarian, contributed.

**FROTHINGHAM, SAMUEL.** An experienced bank officer, formerly of the State Bank; transferred to the late U. S. Branch; now again in the State, as President. A great and deserved favorite with the late William Gray.

**FOSTER, JAMES H.** Has dealt long, steadily, and quietly, in paper-hangings. A most worthy man. Connected by marriage with the family of John Quincy Adams.

**FRANCIS, EBENEZER.** A shrewd and close financier. Long President of the Suffolk Bank, and author of the deposit system that has conduced so much to preserve a sound currency to the New-England States. Aided greatly in the projects of the late Uriah Cutting. Married a daughter of the late Israel Thorndike.

**GARDINER, WM. H.** Son of the late Rev. Dr. Gardiner, of Trinity Church. He is a lawyer—of good talents, and amiable, gentlemanly manners. Married a daughter of Thomas H. Perkins.

Dr. Gardiner was a man of talent—a good classical scholar—and a fine reader, when good readers were scarce. He was attached to the Episcopal Church; far from bigoted, and also free from cant and fanaticism. He had studied under that rare old Grecian and walking library—Dr. Parr.

Dr. Doane—now Bishop of New Jersey—was assistant minister of Trinity until Dr. Gardiner's death, in England.

Dr. Doane married the widow of James Perkins, Jun., the only child of James, (of the great house of Perkins,) with a large fortune.

**GARDNER, JOHN L.** Son of the late S. P. Gardner, a merchant, originally from Salem. John L. married a daughter of the late Joseph Peabody, of Salem, who became the most extensive merchant in that place after William Gray left it. John L. inherited a large property from his father—and his wife's fortune must have been very large. He is a good merchant.

**GARDNER, HENRY.** Resides in Dorchester, on the lower road to Quincy. He is called Dr. Gardner, having been bred a physician, though he does not practice. He is son of Henry Gardner, late of Stowe, a member of the Provincial Congress, and afterwards many years Treasurer of the Commonwealth. His fortune has grown under judicious and safe management.

**GASSETT, HENRY.** Began the importing business with Phineas Upham, as Gassett & Upham, afterwards Henry Gassett & Co.

**GIBBS, MISS SARAH.** A benevolent lady, and zealous Episcopalian.

Gibbs & Channing, of Newport, (uncle of Dr. Channing) made a large fortune. Before the act prohibiting the slave-trade took effect in 1816, they furnished cargoes to vessels in the African trade, and received cargoes of produce from Cuba in payment for their advances. Other houses in Newport and Bristol pursued a similar trade. The De Wolfs, of Bristol, were always said to follow that detested traffic without any compunction. Much of the ancient wealth of Newport and Bristol may be traced to this source.

**GODDARD, NATHANIEL.** From "Far down east," where he was well versed in the trade on the lines. He has been a large ship-owner, in the Baltic and freighting business; a large underwriter; and long President of the New England Bank—when he said, that every man who failed, ought to be sent to the State Prison. He was a man of great energy and stern will.

Mr. Gould—long celebrated as head master of the Latin School—married a daughter of Mr. Goddard, and joined him in some business.

William Goddard—a brother—pursued a similar shipping business with great success. He died, after a short sickness, about the same time with Francis Stanton.

GOODWIN, OZIAS. Son of the late Capt. Ozias Goodwin, and cousin of Ex-Mayor Chapman. Served his clerkship with Henry Lee, of Joseph & Henry Lee, in the Calcutta trade. Was afterwards a successful supercargo in the same trade. Inherited property from his father, and married a cousin Chapman.

GORHAM, BENJAMIN. Son of the late Nathaniel Gorham, of Charlestown. [See P. C. Brooks.] Studied law with Artemas Ward, and was Member of Congress until he became tired of it. Whenever he would examine a case, and give an opinion, no opinion had more weight. He married a Lowell.

GRANT, ANNA P. Widow of Patrick Grant—a fine-looking Scotchman, who went from Boston to England nearly forty years ago. All were lost on the return passage. Mrs. Grant is a daughter of the late Jonathan Mason.

GRAY, JOHN C. Son of the late Wm. Gray. Married a daughter of the late Samuel P. Gardner—by whom, as well as his father, he had a fortune. He has not embarked much in trade. Is studious and retiring, and is a contributor to the "North-American Review." He studied law with Samuel Dexter, and has been State Senator several times.

GRAY, FRANCIS C. A bachelor. Studied law with the late eminent Wm. Prescott, but has practiced little except in his late father's affairs. He has been in the State Legislature; and is devoted to literature and political economy, in the protection interest.

GRAY, HORACE. The youngest son of the late Wm. Gray. Married first, Miss Upham, of Brookfield, a niece of Thomas Upham; and on her death, a daughter of the late Samuel P. Gardner—with a fortune.

On coming of age, he went freely into business—the Baltic, French, and India trades; afterwards into the iron works on the Mill Dam. From this he extended in the iron business; and at the time of his late failure, his house was concerned the most deeply in the iron manufacture of any establishment in New England. They owned the iron works at Pembroke, Me., (originally built by Jonathan Bartlett, once President of the Passamaquoddy Bank, at Eastport, which failed about 25 years ago;) an establishment at South Boston; one in Clinton Co., N. Y.; and yet another at Saugerties, N. Y.

His partner, Francis, is a nephew of Francis the bookseller, formerly Munroe & Francis. He was once a clerk for the father of Horace Gray, and is a very worthy man.

It is ascertained, that the debts against Horace Gray & Co. exceed a million, falling heavily on the iron works and coal dealers in different parts of the country. It is feared, from the *heavy* nature of the property, and the sacrifices that must be made in the sale of it, that the dividend will be small.

The iron works on the Mill Dam—owned by Francis C. Gray, Horace Gray & Co.—and the estate of Paul Moody, have passed to Wm. Appleton, by whom they are carried on.

Mr. Gray has lately occupied the house in Brighton, formerly owned and lived in by Commodore Downes. This was the northerly house of the two built by Joseph Haven and Joseph Wiggin. The other was occupied many years by Geo. Mannus, Esq., British Consul.

William R. Gray—the eldest son of William, and who usually managed his father's business in Boston, while he lived in Salem—died some years ago. He married a daughter of the late Judge Clay, of Georgia, who then lived



on his plantation near Rinborough. Became a Baptist preacher, and was called to succeed the late Dr. Samuel Stillman, at the First Baptist Church in Backstreet; and for a time occupied the house in which Dr. S. had lived in Salem-street, opposite Mr. Edes, the ship-bread baker, (father of the Rev. Hy. Edes, afterwards a Unitarian minister in Providence, R. I.)

William R. was a merchant in Boston, principally in the French, Baltic, and India trades.

Henry Gray—the second son—studied law with Artemas Ward, in Charlestown, but never practiced. Married one of the beautiful daughters of James Pierce, Clerk of the Municipal Court—of whom Joseph Bonaparte said, she was the handsomest woman he had seen in America. He also was a ship-owner, and in similar extensive foreign business, and a Director in the State Bank. He resided in Dorchester; a member of Dr. Codman's church; and a liberal benefactor to the Andover and other religious orthodox institutions. He now lives in New York.

Mr. Gray's only daughter—of noted piety and benevolence—was married to Col. Samuel Swett. [See SWETT.]

William Gray—or as he was familiarly termed, "Old Billy Gray,"—was born in Lynn, in the year 1750. At the age of 15, he went to Salem, as clerk to a Mr. Gardner. After four years, Mr. Gardner died, and young Gray became clerk to Richard Derby, a Provincial Counsellor of King George III., and eldest brother of the late Elias Hasket Derby, Esq. As soon as he was of age, he owned part of a vessel with Mr. Derby—his share being the result of his savings while a clerk.

He married Miss Chipman, a sister of Ward Chipman, since a Judge in the British Province of New Brunswick. She was a cousin of Peter C. Brooks, and proved one of the best of wives and mothers.

After the war of the Revolution had ended in the peace of 1783, he extended in foreign trade with varied success. Once he had lost all—but kept on, and regained, with unimpaired credit.

His high integrity, and reputation for sagacity, gave confidence to many retired persons in Salem, Marblehead, and other towns, who placed large sums with him at a low rate of interest, in preference to public institutions at a higher rate. On one occasion, after he removed to Boston, more than thirty thousand *black* dollars were brought to him from Marblehead, which he had refused to take at six per cent. nearly forty years before. The owner had kept them safely in a cellar!

When William Gray left Salem, his property was valued at three millions of dollars, on a careful estimate made by the late Wm. B. Swett and Joshua Bates, now of Barings' house, London, then his clerks. About that time, he owned and loaded more than forty vessels at his own risk: he was besides a large underwriter, taking almost desperate risks, in the face of British and French seizures. His removal seems to have been necessary, even on the score of commissions; but political causes were not wanting. The opening to Tonningen was for a while vastly profitable; and the war of 1812—when he had large stocks of foreign goods—added greatly to his wealth. During that war, he advanced largely to the Government.

On the return of peace, he continued business as formerly, but often with loss, for the nations on the continent of Europe had become their own merchants. But, he hated to lay up a vessel, or see one of his old captains unemployed.

At the time referred to, Joshua Bates, whose house of Beckford & Bates had not been successful, was sent to London to act as his agent, and the agent of his sons. This led by degrees to his connexion with the Barings. A stron-

ger credit than that of any individual stranger would be often necessary in London, in large operations.

Mr. Gray retired from the presidency of the Branch Bank, and was succeeded by the late Gardiner Greene. He soon after withdrew from business as far as he could, and died in 1823.

Mr. Gray was simple and unostentatious in his habits, an early riser, and usually wrote his letters and orders before breakfast. Weiss, the barber, in Congress-street, called on him, summer and winter, at 5 o'clock. On one occasion, Weiss told him he was likely to lose his old stand, nearly opposite the Post-Office. Unsolicited, he offered him the money to buy it. (The son of Weiss is a Unitarian Minister in New Bedford.) In such spontaneous, unlooked-for acts, Mr. Gray loved to do good—and no one did them with more delicacy. It was his nature to help those whom he thought were trying to help themselves. On one occasion, he offered \$50,000 to a person, almost a stranger to him, to save him from stopping—and without security!

As his sons came of age, he gave each ample means, that they might start and work for themselves.

His long experience had made him familiar with the commerce of the globe. In conducting his share of it, he was the soul of honor—and American, heart and soul. How that American spirit must have exulted at the capture of the *Guerriere*! He knew that, but for him, the *Constitution* could not have been fitted out. The navy agent—Colonel Binney—another noble spirit, had exhausted *his* means, and broken his private credit. Regardless alike of the denunciations of the public press, and the scornings, batings, and badgerings of the junto at the Suffolk Office, he stood for his country—and the *Constitution* went to sea, to break the charm of *invincibility*!

Mr. Gray being thus driven from the Federal Party, he was chosen Lieutenant-Governor of the State, when Elbridge Gerry was chosen Governor over Christopher Gore.

A charter was then obtained for the State Bank, with a capital of three millions. Until then, a charter for a bank in Boston, with an odor of Republicanism, could not be obtained. Mr. Gray was chosen first President of the State Bank.

The men who had denounced Mr. Gray, gave Commodore Hull a public dinner.

After the peace, and Treaty of Ghent, Mr. Gray presided at the public dinner given to John Quincy Adams—the venerable father, John Adams, tremulous with age, seated first on his left. A noble trio! the first Merchant in the country—the President past—and the President to come!

In his daily intercourse, Mr. Gray was marked for affability. Everybody knew him, and he had a word for everybody. The calls of the poorest man had no put offs. His eyes glistened with delight when he could contrive employment for an old acquaintance; and if from Lynn, all the family affairs were subjects of inquiry. To many beginning life, he trusted goods when they could not get them elsewhere—and thus started them. He met with many losses by this practice, and often other injury, but he would continue it. His refusal to any application, was—“Well, I'll think on't.”

On his removal to Boston, he bought for his residence the mansion of the deceased Gov. Sullivan. He intimated to the executor of Gov. S.'s will, his wish to purchase it, *if the estate should be for sale*. When he had decided to sell it, he named the price—thirty or forty thousand dollars. Mr. Gray sent a check for the money.

His residence in Salem, built by him, has since been kept as the Essex Coffee-House.

GRAY, SAMUEL C. Son of the late Samuel Gray, of Medford, brother of William, who had been a successful merchant in Salem, and married a sister of Judge Chipman, of the Province of New Brunswick. They inherited a good property from their father, and are quiet, careful merchants—minding their own business—chiefly in the Baltic trade.

GRAY, JOHN—Called, for distinction, "*French John Gray*." He is the son of a Boston merchant, and resided a long time in France, (Bordeaux, we think,) where he acquired his property; and on his return, was distinguished by this name. For many years he has done little business.

GRAY, THOMAS—Of Hawes, Gray & Co., for many years prosperous wholesale grocers in India-street; now on Central Wharf, commission merchants, though our old friend, Prince Hawes, still haunts the tea sales in New York.

GREENE, MRS. GARDINER. Widow of the late Gardiner Greene, (who, at his death, was considered the richest man in Boston,) is a daughter of Copley the painter, and sister of the present Lord Lyndhurst, ("a Boston boy,") Lord Chancellor of England. Mr. Greene inherited a good property, partly in Demarara, and increased it largely by successful traffic, before that colony was divided by Holland to Great Britain.

One of the sons—Wm. P. Greene—who resides at Norwich, Conn., studied law with Charles Jackson and Samuel Hubbard, (then in partnership:) is engaged in manufactures, and a main promoter of the Norwich and Worcester Rail-Road. Judge Hubbard married one of Mr. Greene's daughters, and is a principal trustee of the estate.

Gardiner Greene's seat on Pemberton Hill was worthy of admiration. The large garden arose in terraces to the top of the hill, there commanding a noble view of the town, the harbor, the islands, and Boston Light-House, Massachusetts Bay. It was the sole charge of the waggish Wyatt, an old Scotch gardener, who did not spare his jokes on any oddities of his employer, even to his fondness for *string beans*, of which he had to provide successive fortnight crops till late in the fall. It was kept in fine order, and liberally open to strangers. Wyatt's lodge was at the foot of the steps, where he had always a "*sup*" of George Murdock's choice old Cognac to offer those whom he liked well enough to ask in. This *gardener* was not *green*.

GREENWOOD, W. P. A retired dentist; father of the late Rev. F. W. P. Greenwood, successor of Dr. Freeman at Stone (or King's) Chapel.

Dr. Greenwood operated successfully for himself, but rather harshly for his subjects—as the writer of this has thought—many years in Friend-street.

GORE, JOHN. Lives in Roxbury. Son of the late John Gore, who was brother to Gov. Christopher Gore, and a very large and successful importer of British dry goods, of the firm of Gore, Miller & Parker.

Samuel R. Miller—in his prime, one of the finest-looking men in Boston—injured his health by exposure on the frontiers of Canada. He had shipped large quantities of goods from England to Montreal, to be ready for an opening on the repeal of the non-intercourse act. He suffered long a martyr to dyspepsia. Josiah Quincy, Jun., Mayor, married his only daughter.

The late Governor Gore effected a great improvement in the vegetable and fruit market of Boston. He had resided near London several years as one of the Commissioners under Jay's treaty. Covent-Garden Market did not escape his eye. On his return, he built an elegant seat in Waltham, and laid out extensive grounds for gardening. First he sent presents to his epicurean friends, William Paine and others; but he had a great surplus. His gardener soon stood in the market with the finest and earliest vegetables that had been seen, and some new varieties.



Hill, of West Cambridge, Williams, of Roxbury, and others, soon followed the example. J. O. Reid, a lame man, (now a wealthy ship-chandler and ship-owner on South-street, New York,) stood for M. Williams, of Roxbury, a brother of John D.

**HAMMOND, DANIEL.** The former able and most efficient man in the house of Whitney, Cutler & Hammond. As honorable as he was able. [See **PLINY CUTLER** and **GEORGE HALLET.**] Since that firm was dissolved, some of his speculations have not been fortunate. He occupied a house in Pearl near High-street, where Jones's boarding-house formerly stood.

**HAMMOND, SARAH.** Widow of the late Samuel Hammond, long in the boot and shoe business in Ann-street and Merchants'-row; and in hides and leather, with Samuel Train; and a private underwriter. The Rev. Dr. Palfrey married one daughter, and N. P. Russell another. A son was of the firm of Swett & Hammond—John Swett, of "Squirrel up a tree," in Union-street.

**HANCOCK, JOHN.** Son of Eben. Hancock, and nephew of John Hancock, President of Congress at the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and Governor of Massachusetts. John's widow married Capt. Scott, master of the ship *Minerva*, the only ship in the London trade, owned by Dr. Eliakim Morse, wholesale druggist, in Dock Square. Mrs. Scott continued in the noble old "Hancock House," near the State House, on which estate Samuel A. Eliot's house now stands. Hancock's Wharf, (where William Parsons, Henry Sigourney, and Edward Craft kept, in the old wooden buildings,) belonged to Gov. Hancock's estate.

The present John, (very long, and always stooping,) did a small business as agent for a powder company, in Merchants' Row, near the head of Codman's Wharf, and opposite Faneuil Hall. He inherits Gov. Hancock's estate.

**HASKINS, RALPH.** A retired distiller. Long connected with the late Oliver Keating, once in some partnership with Theodore Lyman, when he first came from near Kennebunk to Boston. The Rev. Mr. Haskins, of the Episcopal Church, is a nephew of Ralph.

**HAYWARD, GEORGE.** Physician, and son of the late Dr. Hayward. He inherited a good property from his father, and has made money in his profession, in which he is much esteemed.

**HENSHAW, DAVID.** Came from Leicester, a poor boy. Served his time with George Brinby, (formerly Dix & Brinby,) on the south side of Faneuil Hall, in the wholesale druggist and dye-stuff business. Began for himself in State-street, in 1815, and afterwards united his brothers, in extensive business in the same line, in India-street. He established various chemical works in Roxbury and at South Boston; and it was said, at the time, that he was the only wholesale dealer in Boston, of practical chemical science.

He became a warm politician; furnished means for, and was a writer in the "Statesman,"—advocating, first, the claims of Mr. Crawford, then those of Gen. Jackson, for the Presidency.

He was made Collector of the Port on the removal of Gen. H. A. R. Dearborn; and afterwards appointed Secretary of the Navy, by President Tyler—but this appointment was not confirmed by the Senate.

He has since been engaged in the purchase of mineral lands, and mining operations for copper, on Lake Superior. Those associated with him, have great confidence in his skill and energy.

He now resides at Leicester, a martyr to the gout. Indomitable energy of character, and abstemious habits, sustain him under great suffering—great enough to break down common men.

**HENSHAW, JOHN.** Brother of David. Wholesale druggists and dye-stuff dealers.

**HILL, DAVID.** Long a small grocer in Milk-street, between Atkinson and Pearl. Famed for "*dun fish*."

**HOMER, FITZHENRY.** Only son of the late Benj. P. Homer. Served his time with Whitwell, Bond & Co. B. P. Homer was the largest private general underwriter in Boston—and sometimes in the Canton trade. He was noted for fairness and promptness in the payment of losses.

**HOOPER ROBERT—HOOPER SAMUEL—HOOPER ROBERT C.** Robert and John Hooper, fathers of the above, and William Reed, their brother-in-law, were the principal foreign merchants of Marblehead.

Wm. Reed was a zealous orthodox Congregationalist. One of the Hoopers removed to Boston—an Episcopalian.

**HUMPHREY, BENJAMIN.** Born in Weymouth. An only son. Came young to Boston, and served with Abraham Wild. Began himself in Fore (now Ann) street—then Humphrey & Clark, on Long Wharf—in the salt business, and supplying fishermen with salt for the mackerel and Bank fisheries, and selling the cargoes on their return. He has always been a shrewd, careful, industrious man.

**INCHES, HENDERSON.** A retired merchant, and long owner of Russia Wharf. Inherited an estate from his father.

**INGERSOLL, JAMES.** An intelligent merchant, Central Wharf. Has been much abroad as supercargo to different parts of Europe.

**JACKSON CHARLES L. L. D.—JACKSON JAMES—JACKSON PATRICK TRACY.** Sons of Jonathan Jackson, late of Newburyport. He had an office on or near the corner of Bromfield's-lane, forty-five years ago, as Commissioner under the General Government. A quick, small gentleman in black, of the old school.

Charles studied law with the late Theophilus Parsons, who said of him, that "he was bringing up a young hawk, to pick out his own eyes." He opened an office on Pemberton Hill, near the late Eben. Gay—where Francis Blanchard was associated with him. He removed into the Lowell building, near the then new Court House, constructed by John Lowell for law offices; and on the death of Blanchard, invited Samuel Hubbard, who had studied with him, and was then in Saco, to take Blanchard's place. His practice was very great and very profitable. He studied thoroughly every case, not only in the law, but on all that related to it. Among other means to serve him for facility of illustration and the use of technical words, in cases of Marine Insurance, he procured a model ship, with every piece of timber marked with its technical name.

His kindly sympathies won the hearts (often suffering ones) of his clients. His integrity—"that e'en his eye, when turned on empty space, beamed keen with honor"—was united with delicacy that shrunk, unconscious of its worth. His mind was of the largest comprehension; his perceptions, quick as lightning; his knowledge of law, profound; and all his aim was truth. No wonder that all his time and all his talents were demanded and rewarded.

In the midst of this success, the public called for his services on the bench of the Supreme Court. He obeyed that call, and became the Justice Buller of America—relinquishing a practice worth four times the amount of his salary. His health—never robust—began to fail. He went to Europe, and was enlightened and delighted by the wonders of manufacturing industry, relieved and guided by science; but most of all, by the potteries of Staffordshire—the rough elements of nature wrought into perfect forms and uses.



The **Bench** in England awarded him distinction not before conferred on any foreigner—he was seated with Stowell.

He returned from Europe with improved health, and has since lived in retirement. May he live long, and happy!

After James had pursued his studies in this country, he went to Europe, to benefit by its institutions. On his return, he opened an office in Hanover-street, (near the residence of Wm. Cooper, the old town-clerk, whose house is still standing—No. 5.)

How few are left united of those who got their marriage certificates of good old Mr. Cooper! When Dr. Jackson opened his office, a career of unexampled success opened to him. Wealth and honors followed him. The hearts of his patients, especially females, were always with him. No man ever attended woman with more patience and delicacy, through scenes and sufferings that woman only knows. Their mental suffering he tried to alleviate, by introducing a lady thoroughly educated in midwifery. He was opposed by a majority of the profession. He retired from active practice, to the regret of many families, when receiving a large income from it. For more than twenty years he has been consulting physician only.

**JACKSON, PATRICK T.**—More than forty years ago, was extensively engaged in the Calcutta trade, with Joseph and Henry Lee.

Beerboom Gurrahs, Chittabilly Baftahs, and Cawnpore Sonnahs or Mamoodies, are now unknown here. They have been driven away by Waltham and Lowell cottons—and these are now shipped to India.

Mr. Jackson is identified with the change, and has been a principal agent in producing it; and Lowell is as likely now to equal Manchester, as it was forty years ago to be what it now is. He is said to have lost much property in building Pemberton Square and Tremont Row.

**LAMB, THOMAS.** President of the Washington Insurance Company.

James and Thomas Lamb were old merchants in State-street, to Holland and the Baltic. Thomas is son of one of them; the other died a bachelor. The property of both fell to him.

**LAMSON, JOHN.** Long of Lane & Lamson, retailers, (now Lane, Lamson & Co.) importers of dry goods. They have a house in New York.

**LAWRENCE, AMOS—LAWRENCE, ABBOTT—LAWRENCE, WILLIAM—LAWRENCE, SAMUEL**—Are sons of a farmer not rich, in Groton, Middlesex Co.

The oldest brother—**Luther**—studied law with Timothy Bigelow, (the Rev. Timothy Bigelow, Unitarian minister, late of Taunton, is his son,) popular in Middlesex and Worcester Counties, and long Speaker of the House of Representatives. Mr. Bigelow removed to Medford, and Luther succeeded to some of the business of his office in Groton. He was afterwards appointed to an agency in Lowell: fell into a mill-race, and was drowned. He was a worthy man.

Amos removed first to Boston; was joined by Abbott in the dry goods business, in a very small way, in Cornhill, (near David Greenough and old Caleb Bingham's book-store.) They removed to New Cornhill, on the north side, in Chambers, near the alley leading down the steps to Brattle-street Church. While in Cornhill, their standing was jeopardized once, in consequence of some severe steps taken by Mr. Lodge, an Englishman, resident in Boston. They surmounted the difficulty, and ever after maintained undoubted credit. How much of future life hangs by a thread!

Amos married a daughter of Col. Robert Means, of Amherst, N. Hampshire, an extensive country trader. Col. M. was an Irishman, who for many years travelled round the country with a pack of goods on his back as a pedler.

He afterwards established himself in Amherst, and became wealthy. James Means, of Boston, is a nephew. Thomas Means, of New York, is another. Mrs. Amos Lawrence had had a previous husband—one of the Judges of New Hampshire.

Abbott married a daughter of Timothy Bigelow, before mentioned. Mr. B. had married into the Williams' family—a sister of Samuel Williams, of London, then doing all the best business from Salem and Boston. Timothy Williams, his agent, was a Director in the Boston Bank; and William Pratt (late of Boott & Pratt,) had married a Williams also, who was another Director in the Boston Bank. David Greenough, before mentioned, a zealous friend, was a Director in the New-England Bank, where Amos or Abbott became a Director also, and afterwards in the Suffolk Bank.

Williams, Pratt, Greenough, and the New-England Bank, were all dealers in sterling exchange.

Before the war of 1812, the bulk of importations was made but twice a year. Long credits were given here. To buy well in England, and give such credits, required large capital, or ample means somewhere. From the above sources the Lawrences could always command them. Their country connexion also gave them great advantages. Means was a leading man in New Hampshire. The Brazers (large traders in Groton and Worcester,) and Timothy Bigelow, were known to all New England, and familiar with every member of a Legislature of six or seven hundred, whom he could call by name.

Thus few young men were better prepared to start for a prosperous career; and their respective talents fitted them well too. Amos—mild, sagacious, quick, (he could add three columns of figures at once, as rapidly as most men could one,) the desk man, the counsellor; Abbott—frank, bold, decided, but not repulsive—as ready to break through obstructions as he was “to break the back of a long invoice,” examine the goods, and mark them for the shelves.

Industry, high honor, and vigilance in looking after debts, secured success. Vigilance was not the least necessary under the detested law of attachment on mesne process. As manufactures advanced, they felt their way cautiously, securing the advantage of consignments. The honors of bold pioneers cannot be awarded them. When less prudent neighbors were shipwrecked, they were able to profit by their disasters, and buy into profitable concerns. Government had forced manufactures upon the country; their interests became gradually identified with them; importations of many foreign goods could no longer be honestly and gainfully made. Abbott Lawrence was the natural trained champion of the tariff policy, and boldly appeared as such in Congress. There his open-hearted manners conciliated good opinion, and neutralized or put to flight all suspicion of the shrewd Yankee. He spoke but seldom—with more weight, of course, when he did—readily, well-informed, to the purpose. He had a great interest to watch; animosities must not be raised on minor questions: he was a wise representative, and dangerous opponent.

The feeble health of Amos, and more retiring habits, have made the public less acquainted with his merits. Many who know them well, consider him the superior man.

Their best addition is, they do good with their money. A week hardly passes, without some report of large munificence. Institutions connected with education seem to receive their first attention. Simple manners add charms to their gifts.

William Lawrence came to Boston after Amos and Abbott were established, and went also into the dry goods business. He married the only daughter of William Bordman, [see BORDMAN, LYDIA,] with large expectations: then took as partner Samuel, (now at Lowell;) then Mr. Stone—and the firm be-

came W. & S. Lawrence & Stone. His career in business has been somewhat similar to that of his brothers. The source of his wife's fortune may have infused a more adhesive property into his. The Hurd concern at Lowell, [see Hurd,] forced them more into the manufacture of woollens—not yet so safely and profitably established as cottons.

**LODGE, GILES** An Englishman. Came from Liverpool 50 or 55 years ago. John and Adam Lodge, his brothers, (among the first American merchants in Liverpool at that time,) aided him. They were the shipping houses of the Wiggins, Appletons, and all the principal importing houses. Giles was an importer of dry goods, hats, &c. He married a Miss Langdon—a sister of the wife of Thomas Cardis. After living in Green-street, he bought the elegant house at the foot of the common in Boylston-street, built by Nathaniel Tucker, who had acquired a fortune in the wholesale grocery business in Merchants'-row—first Alanson and Nathaniel, then Beza and Nathaniel.

Nathaniel Tucker was more fortunate than Thomas Day, (not the "old Thomas," nor the "young Thomas," of the old glee he loved so well—but the author of "Sandford and Merton,") who educated *two* orphan girls, from whom he might choose a wife—but neither would have him! Tucker educated but one—and she did have him. Tucker afterwards retired to Newtown, where he died prematurely. He was one of the early promoters of the Handel and Haydn Society.

To return to Mr. Lodge. He is a quiet, good man—and, were foreigners always as quiet, there would be less corruption in politics: few votes would be bought or sold, either for rum or office: but, for forty years, corruption has gone on increasing. Thousands of foreigners are annually bought before they are naturalized; by many, perjury is committed; and yet each party—that should be Americans—vies with the other for success in the damning process! Where will it end? This has meaning: the writer refers to what he *knew* in Boston, of the first men of both parties, nearly forty years ago.

**LORING, CALEB.** Of the late firm of Loring & Curtis, merchants, and he long a large underwriter. His first wife—Ann Greeley, of Marblehead—was mother of his children. His second wife was the daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Lathrop. He is a native of the *large* town of Hull, and was a member of the Massachusetts Senate in 1828.

**LORING, CHARLES G.** Son of Caleb. Studied law with Chas. Jackson—the best school for law, manners, and morals. He is a good scholar, and reaps his reward in a large practice and the confidence of all who know him.

**LORING, BENJAMIN.** Of Hingham. Whitman, the annalist, (of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company,) says of him, that he is universally popular and justly esteemed, and that there is as much of a benediction in his countenance, as in that of the late President Kirkland. His brothers were—George, of Malaga, (justly celebrated for his dried fruit—"Loring's" brand being preferred to all others;) he left a large fortune: Josiah, a stationer, and successful maker of cheap and improved globes: and Elijah, long wharfinger of Long Wharf, agent for George of Malaga, and a Director of the Eagle Bank.

**LOWELL, REV. CHARLES, D. D.,**—The amiable minister of the West Church, (Unitarian—formerly that of the celebrated Dr. Chauncey,)—is son of the late Judge Lowell, of the U. S. District Court; descended from an old Newbury family. The Rev. Dr. resides at Cambridge, and is father of Lowell, the poet.

**LOWELL, FRANCIS C.,**—Is son of the late Francis C. Lowell, another son of Judge Lowell, to whom, more than any other individual, belongs the credit of establishing the Waltham cotton factory, (the precursor of those at



Lowell,) that name being given to his house. He wore out a feeble frame in study and anxiety to effect these objects. A son of the late Francis C., (John Lowell, Jr.) married a daughter of good Jonathan Amory. Losing his wife and children, he travelled abroad, and died in Egypt, having by will founded the "Lowell Institute." Mr. Francis C. Lowell is Actuary to the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company.

LOWELL, JOHN A.,—Is son of the late John Lowell, another son of Judge Lowell. He was an able lawyer, and zealous in politics and all useful public works. His ardent spirit gave impetus to, and carried through, the project of the Mill Dam; in fact, he gave fire to all he did, and great knowledge and sagacity. As zealous in horticulture and agriculture—residing in Roxbury. He was the "Boston rebel" of forty years since. The Lowell Buildings in School-street were put up by him. By the will of his late nephew above named, he was made First Curator of the Lowell Institute, with power to appoint his successor—which he did, in the person of his son, Mr. John A. Lowell, who is agent also for several Lowell factories.

LYMAN, GEORGE H. Son of the late Theodore Lyman, who came to Boston from York, Me. (where his father was minister,) on board a wood sloop, to seek his fortune. He had great success in the North-West Coast and Canton trade. Deep animosity existed between him and the Perkins' house for a long time—law suits. He agreed not to pursue, for a certain time, within certain limits, the North-West Coast trade. George W. Lyman—his son—went into the trade, for the first time!

Wm. Sturgis had been in his employment to the North-West Coast and Canton. On the return of the ship, her teas were sold at auction. Sturgis bid off a large lot at the sale, under the usual conditions of satisfactory endorsed paper. No paper could be satisfactory, though it were covered with the best names in Boston. He was a man of strong mind and bad passions. Such men are not scrupulous in the choice of means to effect their purposes. Shylock could sacrifice wealth to revenge.

It is delightful to see and feel such a character softened down by association with his retreat at Waltham—long the most elegant among the many elegant seats around Boston.

George is President of the Lowell Rail-Road Company. Married a daughter of H. G. Otis for his first wife, and of Wm. Swett for his second. His manner is coldest of the cold.

MARETT, PHILIP. Formerly Cashier, and since President of the New-England Bank. His father died when he was young, leaving two children—Philip, and a sister, married to Aaron Baldwin. His mother kept a small shop in Washington Street, near Boylston Market. Philip got much credit in the city councils. His recent unfortunate difficulties with the N. E. Bank, have made much noise. He now resides on Long-Island.

MASON, WILLIAM P. Son of the late Jonathan Mason. Studied law with Charles Jackson. Is an excellent man—of winning deportment—and, as he deserves to be, in good practice, and highly respected.

MASON, JEREMIAH. Was President of the late U. S. Branch Bank at Portsmouth, N. H. President Jackson's failure in attempting his removal, was the first public intimation of his intention to control or destroy that institution. Mr. Mason is one of the great men of New Hampshire, and an able lawyer. His wife is a daughter of the late Col. Means, of Amherst, and a sister to the wife of Amos Lawrence.

MAY, SAMUEL. The oldest hardware-dealer in Boston. Kept many years in Union-street, near Marshall's-lane, and removed to the corner of State-street and Broad, when the latter street was opened, and has remained there ever since.



He is a pattern of industry and exactness, and has prosperously glided through many changes. He is the beneficial author of one general and useful reform.

His late brother, Col. Joseph May, was long Secretary of the Boston Marine Insurance Company, where George Cabot was President. He was much employed on arbitrations. Misfortunes in business had not diminished general respect and confidence.

With Perez Martin, Ebenezer Oliver, and others, he took an active part in changing the Episcopal King's Chapel into the Unitarian Stone Chapel. Morton, Oliver, and May, ordained the late Dr. Freeman. The Liturgy of the Church was castrated. The Church remains the only eunuch in the country.

MINOT, WILLIAM. A good lawyer and a gentleman. Son of the late Judge Minot. His wife is a daughter of the late Judge Davis. Mrs. Robert Sedgwick, of New York, is a sister. His grandfather was the historian of Massachusetts.

NILES, W. J. Livery-stable keeper. Once of Newell & Niles, merchants and speculators, in Dorchester. They failed, and Niles took up his present business.

ODIN, GEORGE. An old bachelor. Long a hardware dealer in Dock Square—as was his older brother John, whose retail department was a noted curiosity shop. John Breed, of Ebenezer & John, opposite to him, once made a bet with a person, that he could not name an article of hardware that would not be found in John Odin's shop. The man named a pig's muzzle. John found it, and won his bet. Of course, the man would not quiz John, who was from "pig town," and had bought Hog Island, and noted for—personal neatness!

John Odin married a Miss Walter, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Walter, formerly of Christ Church, Salem-street—the steeple of which blew down during the great October gale of 1803.

Lynde Walter, a brother of this lady—once a merchant—was father to the "Transcript" Walter.

OLIVER, HENRY J. A North-End boy, and of the firm of Oliver, Bolland & Abbott, when they began the auction business; afterwards in City and State employments, the duties of which he performed with *punctilious* fidelity.

OXNARD, HENRY. Was an intelligent shipmaster, in the employ of Wm. Gray, David Hinkley, and others; afterwards merchant, and sent as agent to New Orleans, for Lowell factories. Confided in, deservedly, by all, for fidelity, sound judgment, and integrity.

PARKS, ELISHA. Formerly Elisha & Luther Parks, auctioneers, in Kilby-street, corner of Doane, where Barker & Bridge had been—now, Parks, Baldwin & Parks, dry goods and domestic commissions.

PARKER JAMES—PARKER PETER—PARKER CHARLES.—Sons of the late John Parker—a man made to have his mark. Said to have begun life by driving a country butcher's cart. At any rate, he soon had a good commission business; then a heavy one, to which he admitted several of his sons as partners—the late John, jr., being the first. His business was mostly from Newburyport, and towns east of that, and Newport and Bristol. The business of the De Wolfs was very large.

It was a sure proof of credit to be able to buy of John Parker. He was exact in selling, and looked more to security than to strained price. He had often made advances. He was said to go early to his commanding seat in Roxbury, to avoid Boston taxes. Bizearrolaya's shop in Congress street, for years his resort, was once a droll scene. John had been dressed, queue-tailed and powdered as usual, and gave Biz. money. In receiving change, he was short a half cent. "How's this?" "What, sir?" "I want half a cent."

"O yes, sir—yes, sir!" The wag took a cent, put it in a vice, and began to bend it. "What are you doing?" "Going to give you half a cent, sir." It was soon broken—but John was off. That half cent was kept for many a joke.

Wm. Shiminin married his only daughter.

PARKER, MRS. JOHN. Widow of the late John Parker—the oldest son of the noted John. Born a Sergeant.

PARKER, SAMUEL D. Son of the late Rev. Dr. Parker, Rector of Trinity Church, and Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, who remained faithfully with his church during the Revolutionary War. The Bishop once preached a sermon before the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, with great applause. A few days after, he was complimented in one of the papers for the eloquence of his discourse; and a conclusion of its excellence was given, by its agreeing so closely with a sermon of the celebrated Saurin! The first five volumes of Saurin's sermons had just appeared, translated by Robert Robinson, a noted Baptist minister of Cambridge, who afterwards became an Arian or Socinian. Robert Hall was afterwards minister of the same church.

PRATT, GEORGE. Son of the late Capt. John Pratt, who followed a successful trade in the Gulf of Mexico, while Spain was at war with England. Retired from sea, and was the first to run regular packets in the New Orleans trade; and after George had had a good training, formed with him, John Pratt & Son—still keeping in the New Orleans packet and cotton trade. John bought the large house at the head of Pearl-street, formerly owned by Jonathan Harris, called "Harris's Folly."

George married a daughter of Giles Lodge. Excellent parentage on both sides! His industry and prudence have deserved and secured wealth; and his kind heart and cheerful temper will make him happy.

PRESCOTT, WILLIAM H. Son of that safe, industrious, sagacious, and eminent lawyer, the late William Prescott, and grandson of Col. Prescott, who commanded the American troops at Bunker Hill.

Mr. Prescott studied law with his father, and inherited a large fortune from him, which was increased by marriage in the Amory family. But he has distinguished himself above all the honors of wealth, by his ability as an historian—one of the first (perhaps the first) of the age. His Histories of "Ferdinand and Isabella," the "Conquest of Mexico," and the "Conquest of Peru," have achieved European reputation. American books are *read*, and praised. The merit of these books is enhanced by the perseverance that has overcome the difficulties under which they were composed. While at the University, he received an injury in one of his eyes, that deprived him of the sight of it. The other became so much debilitated, that for many years together it has been useless for reading and writing. The reader is referred to the Preface to his "Conquest of Peru," for an affecting account of his disadvantages and ingenious contrivances. Manly courage and cheerful piety have sustained him in his struggles.

PUTNAM, MISS CATHARINE. Daughter and only child of the late Jesse Putnam, of the firm of Putnam & Ingalls, in Kilby-street. Mr. Putnam was deservedly and highly reputed for mercantile knowledge, good judgment, and undoubted integrity. He was much called upon in cases of reference and arbitration. His steady democracy never lost him a friend in the hottest party times. Suavity and good-nature, such as his, softened baser tempers in others. As might be expected, from being long the companion of such a father, Miss Putnam's mind is highly accomplished by extensive reading and study.

QUINCY, JOSIAH. Descended from a time-honored ancestry, has been distinguished by great ardor and energy through a long life. Previous to the war of 1812, he was a ranting Federal spouter in Faneuil Hall; and in Con-

gress uttered the foolish taunt, that the Government could not be "kicked into a war." It was about the time that he said of Henry Clay, that "he spent his days in a gambling-house, and his nights in a brothel!" Mr. Clay, however, paid him in his own coin, when he remarked of him, in a debate subsequent to this, that "he soiled the carpet on which he stood!" and that as Judas Iscariot would be remembered through all time, for his betrayal of the Savior, so he (Quincy) would be held in abject remembrance for his remarks upon Jefferson. He was Judge of the Municipal Court on the trial of Buckingham for a libel on Maffit. His charge denied the old doctrine,—*"the greater the truth, the greater the libel."* As Mayor of Boston, he projected the new market, and the noble ranges of stores where formerly stood the dangerous and unsightly buildings of Merchants' Row and Codman's Wharf. He was unwearied in his efforts to promote cleanliness in the streets, remove obstructions from the sidewalks, and to *purify the hill*. Benj. Pollard was his lieutenant, and was closely trotted after by the Mayor on his pony. He was afterwards elected President of Harvard University.

Mr. Quincy married into the Phillips' family. He has been a zealous co-operator in agricultural improvements. Brighton Fair and Cattle Show always found him there. Hearty, fearless energy, has made Mr. Quincy a useful man.

QUINCY, JOSIAH, JR.—The present Mayor of Boston, inherits many of the good qualities of his father, softened by greater amenity. Like him he is fortunate by the progress of great public improvements during his mayoralty. The new water-works will eclipse the new market.

He married the only daughter of the late Samuel R. Miller, [see GORE, Mrs. JOHN,] with a moderate fortune. His principal wealth is the reward of merit, from trusts faithfully executed.

REED, BENJAMIN T. President of the Eastern Rail-Road and of the Shawmut Bank. His father married a niece of the late Mrs. William Gray, (Miss Blackler.) He had not been successful in business at Marblehead; and for him Mr. Gray built the mill in the Mill Dam, for grinding corn and wheat, and furnished money to carry it on. This investment has resulted badly for the Gray family. They could not get rid of it. The iron works were added by Horace Gray, to use the whole water power.

Benevolence prompted the first purchase. The property is now carried on by Wm. Appleton.

REVERE, JOSEPH W. Son of Paul Revere, of venerable revolutionary memory, and eminent as a bell-founder and copper-smith. Joseph W. succeeded his father in the same line, conducting it with sagacity and prudent enterprise. He has a son, (Dr. Revere,) who is distinguished as a professor in the Medical and Surgical College of the University of New York. Dr. Mott, (the Warren at least of that city,) is a professor in the same College.

RICE, HENRY G. From Brookfield. Formerly an importer of British dry goods, first as Rice & Reed—then Rice, Reed & Co., who were not successful. Mr. Rice married a daughter of Wm. H. Boardman, of the firm of Boardman & Pope, and by her inheritance the fortunes of Mr. Rice were much bettered. His lady is sister to the celebrated and accomplished widow of the late Harrison Gray Otis, jr.

RICHARDS, REUBEN. Served his time with John Odin, long in the hardware business in Dock Square—now in metals, in South-Market Street. The hardware business requires very close application; this, and constant dealing in files and sharp instruments, may give a keen edge to the faculties.

RICHARDSON JEFFREY—RICHARDSON JAMES B.—RICHARDSON BENJAMIN P. Brothers, extensively in the wire trade, of long



standing and great industry and shrewdness, at the head of Central Wharf on India Street.

**ROBBINS, EDWARD H.** Son of Lieutenant-Governor Robbins, of Milton. Was educated for a physician, but preferred speculation in real estate, and finally succeeded in securing a fortune. He has a vigorous and manly mind. He married a daughter of Barnabas Hedge, of Plymouth, once very wealthy.

Lieutenant-Governor Robbins was celebrated for great powers of memory, and for his loose manner of business, under many embarrassments. He will be remembered "*down east*," as having been the original proprietor of what is now *Robbinton*, in Washington County, Me. He was in the habit of visiting that place frequently about forty years ago. He was Lieutenant-Governor at the time Caleb Strong was Governor.

**ROGERS, HENRY B.** Studied law with Charles Jackson. Is son of the late Daniel Denison Rogers, who had been in the dry goods business, and later in life moved in stocks and notes, and invested also in good real estate. Henry B. deserves all good fortune.

**RUSSELL, NATHANIEL P.** Was long quiet, diligent, and saving in the business of Marine Insurance—first as Secretary to the New-England, with P. C. Brooks, President. He married a daughter of the late Samuel Hammond, and from her property and his own, he invested in manufactures, and has grown rich.

**SALISBURY, SAMUEL.** Son of the late Samuel Salisbury, a deacon of the Old South Church, with Deacon Phillips, and also a director of the Massachusetts Bank. He was in partnership with his brother Stephen—S. & S. Salisbury—in British dry goods and hardware. Stephen retired to Worcester, with wealth, and has succeeded Daniel Waldo there as President of the old Worcester Bank, that would never pay tribute to the Suffolk Bank.

**SEARS, DAVID.** Inherited a large fortune—nearly a million—from his father, of the same name. He married a daughter of the late Jonathan Mason. He has invested largely in manufacturing corporations; and, by his ample means, decision, and sagacity, has profited by the reverses of some concerns, where smaller capitals have been lost.

Mr. Sears is a man of cultivated mind, refined taste and manners, and of large public views. He left Dr. Channing's church when St. Paul's was built, and joined that parish. He has been a liberal benefactor to that church and several other public institutions. His project for abolishing slavery, deserves more attention than it appears yet to have received. Previous to the war of 1812, he commanded the Cadets, and has recently been recalled to that command, to retrieve the declining fortunes of that *select* company. Twenty-five years ago, the residence of Mr. Sears on Beacon-street was considered the best house in Boston. He has a cottage at Nahant, and another seat at the mouth of Penobscot River. His father joined with the late Col. Thorndike and Wm. Prescott, in the purchase of several islands in that vicinity, and other property in different parts of Maine.

**SHAW, ROBERT GOULD.** Came to Boston young and poor: a distant relation of the late Samuel Parkman—one of whose daughters, by his second wife, he married. For several years he was principal of the firm of Shaw, Barker & Bridge, auctioneers, in State, nearly opposite Kilby-street; afterwards, of the firm of Tuckerman, Shaw & Rogers, (Edward Tuckerman, who had married a daughter of Mr. Parkman's first wife,) large importers of British goods, in Dock Square. Subsequently, he kept on Central Wharf, in the Sicily and Trieste trade, and general shipping and commission business—uniting with



him, Mr. Perkins, (brought up him—a son of Samuel Perkins, a house painter and floor-cloth manufacturer,) and one of his sons.

The bland manners of Mr. Shaw, made him early friends; and the great confidence reposed in him by Mr. Parkman, gave him great command of capital for any emergency. He could and would always advance, on undoubted security, for an adequate commission. In the spring of 1816, he sold Wm. Gray's notes, received for Rice & Savage's (afterwards Commercial) Wharf, at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per month, to raise money to make advances with. Treasury notes were worth but 75 cents on the dollar. What must they have paid who received the advances? The money pressure was very great. The Southern banks were trying to resume specie payments.

Mr. Shaw has always been a thorough and diligent desk man. He examined every bill and amount himself, and for a long time kept his own books.

Forty-five years ago, auction-sales in Boston were disgraced, almost universally, with by-bidding. The practice was so general, that no disgrace or dishonor was thought to attach to it. Of course, it was met by combinations among buyers—fraud contending against fraud!—auctioneers base enough to be tools! Mr. Shaw long continued wedded to this practice, from force of habit.

Francis George Shaw, the Fourierite, and translator of George Sands' works, is a son, and lives now on Staten-Island, N. Y. His wife is a daughter of Wm. Sturges. Another son is a Roman Catholic priest, and has recently returned from Rome, where he has been completing his studies.

**SHAW, LEMUEL.** Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. Son of the Rev. Oakes Shaw, of Barnstable. Married a daughter of Josiah Knapp, the distiller. He was many years attorney of the New-England Bank, and in moderate practice only as a lawyer. But, he was much engaged in important references, so that his sound and comprehensive mind was well known. Public opinion pointed to him as the successor of Chief-Justice Parker. Orthodox influence could not prevent it. Chief-Justice Shaw is an Unitarian.

**WARREN, JOHN C.** The eminent surgeon—the Valentine Mott of Boston—succeeded his father, Dr. John Warren, in practice. In reputation and science, he has far surpassed him.

Dr. John Warren was zealous in the cause of his country during the Revolution, and served as a surgeon through the war. General Joseph Warren was a volunteer, and killed at Bunker Hill. Twenty years ago, his remains were removed to Dr. Warren's tomb under St. Paul's Church, and a monument to his memory erected by Dr. W.—with an epitaph, elegant for its Latinity—fronting the eastern entrance to the cemetery.

Dr. Warren has married daughters of the late Jonathan Mason and Lieutenant-Governor Winthrop. He took a warm interest in the settlement of Dr. Potter at St. Paul's Church, where he was a warden. He is zealous and active in the cause of temperance.

Since that time, few men have grown to fill so wide a span of usefulness as Alonzo Potter—now Bishop of Pennsylvania. He has fulfilled Bishop Hobart's opinion of his early promise, when he selected him as President of the new College at Geneva, at twenty-seven years of age. To great talent he unites wisdom in government. President Wayland, an early friend, said of him, "He is a great foot!"

**WILLIAMS, JOHN D.** Of the firm John D. & Moses Williams. Has long been eminent as a dealer in wine and spirits, especially—on the neck. He was first a market gardener from Roxbury, where his brother long followed the same calling. A long life of devoted industry and economy has made him

very rich. Few men have understood better how to adapt wine and spirits to different tastes. He always took great care in selecting—and his taste was considered good—that many of the first retail grocers were always willing to pay a profit for his selections, in his teas as well as the above articles.

WILLIAMS, MOSES. A brother—bred by John D., and then taken as a partner. He now manages the business.

WINCHESTER, WM. PARSONS. Son of the late Edmund Winchester, of the firm of E. A. & Wm. P. Winchester; and as that firm (the first provision-house in America,) is still continued, we shall include all the principal parties in this notice.

Edmund and Amasa came from Newton about fifty-five years ago. • The butcher's stall in Faneuil-Hall Market was attended by Amasa for about thirty years, while Edmund was the out-door man, and buyer at Brighton. Their talent and industry early attracted the notice of the late Ebenezer Parsons, who offered, unsolicited, to endorse for them at the Massachusetts Bank—which he did until his death. When that took place, that Bank discounted all they wanted, without endorsement. This command of capital enabled them to go into the market at all times. In the packing season, they killed at Lechmore Point—a thousand head weekly. Their packing business is now principally at Cincinnati. Their brands for beef, pork, soap, and candles, have always stood the first in the country—and this credit is mainly due to the unwearied efforts of Edmund Winchester.

Edmund Winchester was long a zealous Federalist of the old school, and very influential among country members. He was of great natural talent, great energy, and a Gillite Baptist, of the First Baptist Church—living near by in Richmond-street.

Amasa was less prominent, and more retiring. His taste and knowledge of music was self-acquired, and extensive. He was zealous for its advancement, and for many years led the choir of Dr. Stillman's church. He was many years President of the Handel and Haydn Society, and a member of several other musical societies. To no individual is Boston more indebted in time, talent, and purse, in promoting the culture of music. Handel and Mozart were his favorites. For many years after Dr. Stillman's death, he worshipped at Dr. Sharp's. He died in December, 1846.

Boston never had two better or more useful citizens.

William P. was bred with his father and uncle, and early admitted a partner. He married the only daughter of the late Thomas D. Brashe, by whom he had a large fortune—nearly a million. He follows up the business with the family energy—going west every winter, to superintend the purchases of pork, and packing, &c.

Col. Winchester (of the Cadets) has shown the partialities of the family for aquatic sports, by his fine yacht, the "Northern Light." Like his father, he avoids public office.

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POSTSCRIPT.—It will be observed, that several of the parties we have here mentioned, have lately deceased. This would have been stated in its proper place, had the author been able to have overlooked the proofs while the work was passing through the press. Another number will be issued in a few weeks, and it is probable that the work will be extended to yet other numbers, so as to include the prominent men of other places as well as Boston.

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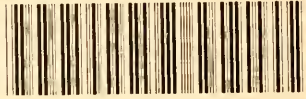


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